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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

This paper is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated September 5, 2008 in the above-reference application. This response is filed within the three-month shortened statutory period, and is therefore, timely filed. While it is believed that no additional fees are due, should any additional fees be due, the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office is authorized to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.18 from Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.